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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Jordan Bureau Monthly Report - February 1981

### I. OPERATIONS

1. Jordanian-Syrian relations further deteriorated with the kidnapping of the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Beirut, and the Jordanian revelation of a plot to assassinate the Jordanian Prime Minister, Mudar Badran. The Bureau supplied Embassy officers with monitored materials from both Syrian and Jordanian media on these developments, including highlights of a lengthy Jordanian television/radio presentation that featured interviews with the alleged Syrian conspirators in the assassination plot.

2. Our resumption of coverage of the Clandestine Voice of Palestine radio got off to a rocky start when a key frequency went off the air, possibly due to Israeli airstrikes in southern Lebanon. In any event, after a lengthy interval, the radio was again heard reliably.

3. Despite the apparently stalemated Iraqi-Iranian conflict, Iraqi media continued to carry daily military communiques detailing claimed losses by both sides in personnel and equipment. A major address by the Iraqi President during the month professed a willingness and ability to continue the conflict indefinitely.

4. As an assist to London Bureau that had a PMU monitor on leave, we covered several Saudi and Kuwaiti papers.

5. With the Bureau no longer covering Tehran International Service in Arabic, our backstop of Tehran Pars for the BBC was shifted to Gulf Bureau.

### II. ADMINISTRATION

1. A replacement for the Bureau Assistant Technician who resigned has been selected. Processing is proceeding, pending lifting of the hiring freeze.

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III. GENERAL

1. The Bureau's annual founding anniversary was celebrated with an excellent buffet lunch at the Intercontinental Hotel.

2. Despite regional traditions favoring male descendants, monitors [redacted] as well as teletypist [redacted] became fathers of a trio of baby daughters.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

Attachments:

- A. Production Report
- B. Monitor Production
- C. Communications Report
- D. Engineering Report

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